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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, an Information Disclosure Statement and a corresponding Form PTO 1449 form.

Claims 1 to 11 are pending and claims 12-13 are cancelled in this application. Claim 1 has been amended.

Attached herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) and a corresponding PTO 1449 form.

Applicant requests consideration and entry into the record of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims

In the interest of advancing prosecution, claim1 of the present application has been amended for the sake of clarification and to correct inadvertent typographical errors made therein.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite language consistent with the originally filed specification. In particular, claim 1 now recites the phrase "'heterocyclic' is an aromatic and non-aromatic, single <u>and</u> fused, ring...", instead of the phrase "'heterocyclic' is an aromatic and non-aromatic, single or fused, ring..." Support for the above-identified phrase is found at page 5, line 24 of the originally filed disclosure.

All claim amendments are reflected in the Listing of Claims section (see, pages 2 to 9).

No new matter has been added to the claims or specification by the amendment. Support for all amendments are found in the originally filed claims and specification.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicant believes that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance and is earnestly solicited.

If any additional fees or charges are required authorization is hereby granted to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 19-2570 accordingly.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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